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PART IV.

Legislative measures and Rules thereunder.

NOTIFICATION.

No. D. 353—Geol. 54-33-7, dated Bangalore,

17th July 1936.

Under Section 15 of the Mysore Explosives Regulation No. II of 1888, the accompanying draft of the amendments to the Mysore Explosives Rules framed under Section 4 of the said Regulation is published for the information of all persons interested. Any objections or suggestions in regard to them should be sent to the undersigned within a month from the date of issue of this notification.

By Order,

M. VENKATANARANAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

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**Draft Amendments to the Rules under the Mysore
Explosives Regulation, II of 1888.**

Rule 23 (e) —

Delete Rule 23 (e) (i) and re-number the other clauses (ii) to (ix) as (i) to (viii).

Rule 40 (3) — Page 17. —

Substitute the following for sub-rule (3). —

“(3) The fee for the amendment of a license shall be one rupee plus the difference (if any) between the fee that would have been payable if the license had originally been issued in the amended form and the fee paid for the original license:

Provided that no fee shall be chargeable in the case of amendments made to licenses in Form ‘E’ or Form ‘EE’ issued to cultivators.”

Form E — Article 7 of Schedule I, Page 60. —

Column 1 — Delete the words “and place of residence.”

Column 2 — For the words “description and quantity of explosives to be possessed during the year” substitute the words “Place of residence.”

Add the following as condition 2. —

“The licensee shall keep a register of all receipts and issues in such form as the Government may from time to time direct. He shall exhibit his stock and register to any Magistrate or to any Police Officer duly empowered in this behalf, whenever such Magistrate or Officer may call upon him so to do.”

Omit the existing proviso to condition 2, viz. —

“Provided that 30 lbs. of gunpowder and 10 lbs. of any other explosive and 100 detonators may be kept inside a dwelling house or in any building other than as last aforesaid in a receptacle exclusively appropriated to keeping explosives”

and re-number the subsequent conditions serially.

Article 8—Schedule I—Page 38.—

In Article 8 for the entries in the 2nd and 4th columns the following shall be substituted :—

- (i) In the 2nd column for the letter 'E' the letters 'EE' shall be substituted.
- (ii) In the 4th column for the words "one hundred pounds of gunpowder" the words "thirty pounds of gunpowder" shall be substituted.

Article 8—Schedule I—Page 63.—

Insert the appended Form as—"EE."

Rule 49—sub-rule (3)—Proviso—Page 19.—

In the proviso to sub-rule (3) of Rule 49, the word and letters "or 'EE'" shall be inserted after the letter 'E'.

Rule 53—Page 20.—

In Rule 53 the words "one rupee" shall be substituted for "eight annas" occurring in line 4.

Rule 57—Page 21.—

After sub-rule (2) the following shall be inserted as sub-rule (3).—

"(3) The fee chargeable on such permit shall be two rupees."

Rule 59—Page 22.—

Add the following as Rule 59-A:—

"59-A. A fee of one rupee shall be charged on a permit granted under Rule 58 or 59."

SCHEDULE I.*Page 37—Article 1—Column 6.—*

In Article 1, for the letters and figures "Rs. 5" in column 6, the letters and figures "Rs. 10" shall be substituted.

Article 3—Column 6.—

In Article 3 for the entry in column 6, the following shall be substituted, namely :—

	Rs. a.
"Covering the maximum quantity of explosives allowed or any less quantity exceeding one-half such maximum.	30 · 0

Covering half such maximum or any less quantity exceeding one-fourth	Rs. a	15 0
Covering one-fourth such maximum or any less quantity		5 0

Article 4—Column 6.

In Article 4, for the entry in column 6, the following shall be substituted:	
"Covering the maximum quantity of explosives allowed or any less quantity exceeding one-half such maximum	15 0
Covering half such maximum or any less quantity exceeding one-fourth	7 8
Covering one-fourth such maximum or any less quantity"	2 8

Article 5—Column 6.

In Article 5, for the entry in column 6, the following shall be substituted, namely:	
"Covering the maximum quantity of explosives allowed or any less quantity exceeding one-half such maximum	15 0
Covering half such maximum or any less quantity exceeding one-fourth	2 8
Covering one-fourth such maximum or any less quantity"	1 0

Article 6—Column 6.

In Article 6, for the entry in column 6, the following shall be substituted, namely:

"Half the fees chargeable on the same explosive in the same quantity in Articles 3, 4 and 5, respectively."

Article 7—Column 6.

In Article 7, for the entry in column 6, the following shall be substituted, namely:

"Free of charge to cultivators but Rs. 3 from contractors and other persons."

Article 8—Column 6.

In Article 8, for the entry in column 6, the following shall be substituted, namely:

"Free of charge to cultivators but Rs. 2 from contractors and other persons."

Articles 11 to 16—Page 40.—

In Articles 11 to 16, for the entries in column 6, the following shall be substituted, namely :—

“ Rs.	7—8.
”	22—8.
”	30—0.
”	7—8.
”	10—0.
”	30—0.”

Article 15—Column 4.—

In Article 15, for the entry in column 4, the following shall be substituted, namely :—

“ Any explosive covered by the license granted under Article 12 or 13 in any quantity.”

*Contents Sheet—Page (iii) and Heading
in middle of Page 21.*

“ The words ‘to be granted free of cost’ occurring in the heading to Rules 57 to 59 shall be deleted.”

SCHEDULE II—Forms.

- (i) In Form C, for the words and brackets “(Fee—Eight Annas in Stamps)” the words and brackets “(Fee—Rupees in Stamps)” shall be substituted.
- (ii) In Form E, for the words and brackets—
“(Free of charge)” the words and brackets
(Free of charge to cultivators)
(Fee—Three Rupees in Stamps from contractors and other persons) shall be substituted.
- (iii) In Form F, for the words and brackets—
“(Fee—Five Rupees in Stamps)” the words and brackets “(Fee—Seven Rupees and Eight Annas in Stamps)” shall be substituted.
- (iv) In Form J, for the words and brackets—
“(Fee Fifteen Twenty Rupees in Stamps),” the words and brackets “(Fee Twenty-two Twenty-one Rupees and Eight Annas in Stamps)” shall be substituted.

- (v) In Form K, for the words and brackets—
 “(Fee—Five Rupees in Stamps)” the words and brackets “(Fee Seven Rupees and Eight Annas in
Ten Rupees)” shall be substituted.
- (vi) In Form L, for the words and brackets—
 “(Fee—Rupees Twenty in Stamps),” the words and brackets “(Fee—Thirty Rupees in Stamps)”
 “Stamps)” shall be substituted.

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*Chief Inspector of Mines and
 Explosives in Mysore.*
 Oorgaum, 21st March 1934.

FORM EE.

(ARTICLE 8 OF SCHEDULE I).

(Free of charge to cultivators for agricultural purposes)
 (Fee—Two Rupees in Stamps for non-agricultural purposes)

**LICENSE TO POSSESS GUNPOWDER REQUIRED FOR
 BLASTING PURPOSES.**

(Granted by the District Magistrate or any Magistrate of the First Class or any Magistrate of the Second Class specially authorised by the District Magistrate in this behalf) : —

Names, etc. of Licensee	Place of residence	Place with full details, where gunpowder is to be possessed.	Maximum quan- tity of gunpowder (not exceeding 80 lbs.) to be kept at any one time	Date on which license expires

(Seal)

.....District (Signature)
 Dated 193 of District Magistrate.

CONDITIONS.

- This license is granted subject to the provisions of the Mysore Explosives Regulation, II of 1889, and Rules thereunder.
- The gunpowder shall be kept, within a building, in a substantial case, strong close-knit double canvas or cloth bag, canister or other receptacle made and closed so as to prevent the gunpowder from

escaping and unauthorised persons from having access thereto, and secured from danger from without.

3. All articles or substances of an explosive or highly inflammable nature shall be kept at a safe distance from the gunpowder and from any room or part of a building, fireproof safe or receptacle containing the same and no person entering such room or part of any building or such safe or receptacle shall have any iron or steel in his possession or attached to or on his boots or shoes.

4. The receptacle in which the gunpowder is kept shall not have any exposed iron or steel in the interior thereof.

5. The licensee shall at the time of purchase have the following particulars endorsed upon his license by the vendor from whom he purchases and under the vendor's signature:—

- (a) the name and address of the person who takes delivery of the articles purchased;
- (b) the nature and amount of the articles purchased; and
- (c) the date of purchase.

6. All losses, shortage of stock or thefts of gunpowder shall be reported without delay to the nearest Police Station.

The Licensee shall observe the following precautions in carrying out blasting operations.

7. All blasting operations should as far as possible be conducted by a certified blaster.

8. During the preparation of charges and the charging of holes and while explosives are being handled, smoking should be strictly prohibited. All lights should be removed to a safe distance.

9. In charging or stemming holes, the use of any iron or steel tool, scraper or rod is prohibited.

10. Even with wooden or copper implements the charge should be pressed home gently in the borehole, and never rammed with any force that may result in dangerous friction.

11. No more than six holes at a time in a place exceeding 60 sq. feet and not more than four holes in smaller area, should be fired in the same round; the number to be reduced in the case of deep narrow wells.

12. The number of shots which explode must be counted independently by at least two persons, one of whom should be the blaster. Unless both are certain that all the charges have exploded, the working place must not be re-entered until the place is free from noxious gases.

13. After blasting has taken place the blaster or person in charge of the working place, should be the first to re-enter the place and until he has pronounced that there was no misfire and that the place is sufficiently free from fumes, he should not permit any other person to enter except for the purpose of making it safe.

14. Before drilling is commenced, all loose rock must be removed from the working face and if any sockets or portions of holes which have not broken are found, they should be securely plugged with wooden plugs of which a supply should always be provided.

15. In the event of a misfire (or charge failing to explode properly) having occurred or being suspected, the blaster should be the first to re-enter the working place. He should search for the misfire

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and, if necessary, may have the place cleaned up for the purpose but he should permit no other work.

16. Boaring out or deepening holes once charged or withdrawing a charge either before firing or after misfire, must not be attempted.

17. The person in charge of the working place should point out the position and direction of every new hole to be drilled and should be responsible that the drillers do not deviate therefrom. The greatest care should be taken to see that new hole is bored in such a direction that it can come in dangerous proximity to any old hole or socket in which explosives have previously been charged.

18. A fuse which has apparently missed or is hanging fire should not be approached for at least half an hour.

19. The rate of burning of fuse employed should be determined beforehand and requisite lengths of approved quality should be used.